

PRIVATE ROOM PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Specific illnesses requiring **Contact Precautions** include:

- Multi-drug resistant bacteria
- (e.g. MRSA, VRE)
- Clostridium difficile
- Escherichia coli O157:H7
- Shigella
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis E
- Rotavirus
- RSV (Droplet Precautions also)
- Parainfluenza
- Enteroviral infections
- Diphtheria
- Herpes simplex virus
- Impetigo
- Pediculosis (lice)
- Scabies
- Staphylococcus aureus
- Herpes zoster
- Conjunctivitis
- Adenovirus (Droplet Precautions also)

Indications for Contact Isolation:

- Drainage (abscess, cellulitis, ulcer, burn or wound) not adequately contained by dressing or not dressed
- Acute diarrhea of unknown etiology (soap and water hand hygiene and bleach cleaning if c. diff infection)
- Impetigo or rash of unknown etiology

PATIENTS:

May leave room after cleaning hands and putting on a clean gown if drainage is contained and patient is compliant and cooperative with basic hygiene.

STAFF:

If patient has diarrhea, use soap and water for hand hygiene (unless c. diff is ruled out)

Bleach cleaning if patient has c. diff infection

Use dedicated equipment and leave in room (stethoscope, thermometer, etc.)

Instruct visitors to wash hands when entering and exiting room

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING:

Check with nurse to see if room needs bleachcleaning.

Frequent cleaning and disinfection of the bedside area is essential. After discharge, the room is cleaned per routine discharge cleaning. Check privacy curtains and drapes for soiling and use hospital disinfectant spray on these areas or launder and replace curtains. Clean any visible soiling noted on walls or ceiling.

Contact Isolation

Anyone* entering this room **MUST**:



1. Perform **hand hygiene**
(use soap and water or foam)



2. Put on **gown and gloves**
before entering room



3. Remove **gloves and gown**
before leaving room



4. Perform **hand hygiene**
(use soap and water or foam)

* Patient visitors do not need to wear gloves and gown but must clean hands upon entering and leaving room.

Questions? Call Infection Control at 796-8413